

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!****SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION****Fr. Steve Macedo**

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! This event is the greatest event in our Catholic faith. It is through the resurrection that Christ defeated sin and death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. All of God's promises are fulfilled through this glorious event. We have been preparing for 40 long days, through prayer and penance, so that we might be better prepared to receive Christ this day, and to better prepare our hearts to one day rise with Christ in eternal life. Today, we do not fast, but rather, celebrate and rejoice because of our great and merciful God!

The meaning and joy of Easter is not just a "one-day" affair but is an essential element of our Catholic faith. We are called to live out the joy of Easter all year long. Our readings today reveal how we can do this here and now in our day-to-day lives.

In our First Reading, St. Luke preaches the Good News to us. He gives a synopsis of Who Christ is and what He did for us. He opens the door for people to partake in all that God wants to give us by saying, "everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." He radically educates and invites people into a life with Christ.

St. Luke's vocation was to evangelize to the ends of the earth, and as Catholics, that is our vocation, too. If we step back and think about how incredible our faith is, how could we not want to share this goodness with others? Oftentimes, we can focus on life's many hardships, but if we recognize how truly blessed, we are — we have a God who died and rose for us, and we have the most intimate way of receiving Him through Holy Communion — then we can become a people of joy, an Easter people. And if we are living our lives with this joy, then every moment becomes a moment of evangelization — how we greet people on the street or in our parish; how we do chores around the house; how we respond to our spouse. We are blessed with the knowledge of our faith — it is our job to faithfully share it in word and with the witness of our lives.

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MASS SCHEDULE**Weekday** (Mon - Sat): **8 AM****Sunday** (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, 7 AM,
9 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM**Sacrament of Reconciliation**Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM
(and by appointment)**Mass will be live streamed on
Sunday 11 am.**Please go to the parish website:
www.stjohnmililani.org and click
on the Link:[https://www.facebook.com/
saintjohnmililani/live/](https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnmililani/live/)**MISSION / VISION
STATEMENT**

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service*, and other **Spirit-led** activities.

We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living,

to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.

SJAE MOBILE APP

Download our **FREE** app with these easy steps through **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store**:

Search keywords: **ST. JOHN APOSTLE**www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI**ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST MILILANI****SAINTJOHNMILILANI**

We look forward to connecting with you!



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Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb early in the morning. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John in fear that someone had taken Jesus' body. Simon Peter and John ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. Each figure in our Gospel today "ran." We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him. Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it in a little bit." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus.

As we reflect on this Gospel, we must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded with willingness and eagerness is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first — "I am too busy now, but I will pray later" or "I will eventually get around to spending less on material things and increase my gifts to the church." Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by the way we live our lives and how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

He is risen! Alleluia, indeed he is risen!

Rev. Stephen Macedo

Some thoughts on Masks and COVID vaccines:

Some folks have turned the decision to wear masks or not wear masks and the decision to get the vaccine or not into a political decision. I believe it is a medical decision, not a political decision.

I wear masks because as a Christian I care about you. The CDC says they help protect you and me, so I am willing to bear with the hassle and discomfort. Yes, they might not be 100 percent effective but every little bit I can do is worth it.

There is plenty of misinformation going around online about vaccines. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has said that "given the urgency of the crisis, the lack of alternative vaccines and the fact that connection between an abortion that occurred decades ago and a receiving a vaccine produced today is remote, inoculation with the new COVID-19 vaccines can be morally justified." The Bishops note that the Astra Zeneca vaccine is more morally compromised and should be avoided if possible (This vaccine is not currently approved for use in the United States.) The Church is saying "get the vaccine" and Yes, abortion is morally wrong.

If you have questions about if you should get the vaccine to ask your Medical Doctor. You already trust this person with your health see what they recommend. I did and my doctor said get it. I have received both vaccinations with no side effects. My parents and Aunts and Uncles have received both vaccinations as has our Bishop. In short, I don't trust politicians as far as I can throw them. I will not take medical advice from them. But I trust my Doc.

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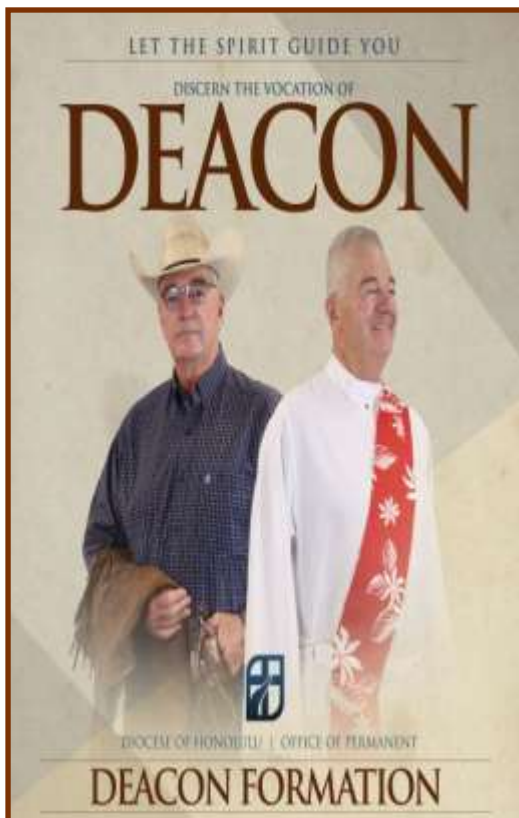
2021**DIOCESAN PRIEST
RETIREMENT FUND
SECOND COLLECTION****GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 24 & 25**

Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their elder years. *They were there for us. Let's be there for them now.*



GIVE GENEROUSLY ON APRIL 24/25 OR YOU MAY

DONATE ONLINE TODAY: WWW.CATHOLICHAWAII.ORG/DPRF



The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is directed at preparing men spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally for ordination and to assist the Church in its mission of salvation of souls.

Applicants for the next cohort will be accepted only after attendance at one of the mandatory inquiry weekends, along with your wives, if married.

Inquiry Weekends will be held on the following dates:

- ◇ April 9-11, 2021 (Registration deadline April 2)
- ◇ May 14-16, 2021 (Registration deadline May 7)
- ◇ June 11-13, 2021 (Registration deadline June 4)

You are invited to reserve a space online at: www.catholicahawaii.org/formation.

For questions please email: deaconformation2@rcchawaii.org or call (808) 203-6777.



ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH SJA&E CHURCH?
 HAVE YOUR RECEIVED FIRST HOLY COMMUNION?
 ARE YOU ACTIVE IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
 IF SO, PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING AS AN ALTAR
 SERVER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,

PLEASE EMAIL: ANGELA - ALTARSSJAE@GMAIL.COM



Parish Rectory Hours

Mon. 12 pm—4 pm
Tues.—Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:00

FOOD PANTRY (623-3332)

Tues.—Fri.: 9 AM to 4:00 PM

Religious Ed Office Hours

Tues.— Sat.: 1:00 PM to 5 PM

**PARISH CLERGY
& STAFF**

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**Please contact the parish office to
set up an appointment &
coordination for the following:**

Anointing of the Sick

Baptism Preparation Classes:

April 18, June 20, July 18, August 15

Baptisms: April 25, May 16 & 30, June
13 & 27, July 11 & 25, Aug 15 & 29

**** Please contact the Parish Office to make all
arrangements in advance.****

Blessings (home, auto, religious
items, etc..)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before
wedding date)

To request a Mass Intention, please
email the parish office at
sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org or
call (808) 623-3332 x100.

CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS!

**There has been a scam affecting
many parishioners. Please never
respond to such email messages or
texts from clergy and staff of St.
John's.**

**For more information, see the link
below.**

[https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-
call/?utm_source=double-opt-
in&utm_medium=email-internal-
b2c&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-
newsletter&utm_content=scam-call](https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm_source=double-opt-in&utm_medium=email-internal-b2c&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm_content=scam-call)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 5, 2021

†Maricel Mauleon

†Rosenda & Vicente Barayuga
Todd Kimura (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

(8 am) †Edward Roccia

Rhonda Kimura (Birthday Blessing)
Angelita Mauleon Blankenship
(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

(8 am) †Epifanio Mendoza

†Abigail K. Maunupau Puli
Cody Pascual

Thursday April 8, 2021

(8 am) †Edmundo Roque Sr.

Miguel Rivas (Birthday Blessing)
Tom Ramos (Healing)

Friday, April 9, 2021

†Francisca Baniaga

Kathleen Gatdula & Riza Marie
Gatdula— Cao (Birthday Blessings)
Raquel DeJesus
(1st Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, April 10, 2021

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

†Felix Serna

†Susan Puli

Arthur Villaon (Healing)
Gallogly-McGarry— Tatistcheff
Family

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Kim Noveloso (Birthday Blessing)

For the People

Rogelio Rivas (Birthday Blessing)

†RIP

"Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - PROV 11:25

Celebrate our parish's 50th Anniversary with a St. John Spirit-led T-Shirt and mask!
 T-Shirts: \$20, Mask: \$10. Place your order by contacting the parish office, 623-3332 ext. 100 or email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.
Order while supplies last.



MASK



FRONT



BACK

VACCINE APPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE



Are you 60 years old or older?

Do you need help to schedule your vaccine appointment?

We have volunteers to help make your vaccine appointment!

1. By phone or face to face
2. Only 10 minutes to complete application
3. Confidential and private
4. Transportation may be arranged.

BE SAFE! GET VACCINE!

Contact: SJAE Parish Office
 At (808) 623-3332



SJAE umbrellas from Women's Guild \$30 each;
 Special 2 for \$55.
 Call the parish office,
 (808) 623-3332.



Respect Life: "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* ©2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)



Be a Better Steward of St. John Apostle

Stewardship is made easier than ever with our new online giving system, WeShare.

Make your one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account.

Start today by following these 3 easy steps:

- 1 Visit our church website, click on Online Giving
- 2 Set up your account
- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation

Sign up today by scanning the QR Code
or visit www.stjohnmililani.org



We are grateful to all you who continue to give to the parish generously so we can continue to serve you and others in many ways. May God bless you abundantly.

Stewardship of Treasure March 20/ 21

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,052.38
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,115.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 424.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 4,269.67
Donation– Children's collection	\$ 24.00
Donation– Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Donation– Easter Flowers	\$ 260.00
Donation– Easter	\$ 40.00
Donation– Cath Camp for Hum Dev	\$8.50
Donation– Holy Thurs– Rice Bowl	\$ 240.00
Donation– Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 40.00
Donation– Church in Latin America	\$ 7.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 230.00
Candles	\$ 217.00

Weekend Total: \$ 18,952.55

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9

Let us serve one another in love!

The One Community Center (OCC) will help in many practical ways to welcome and to serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ. Please remember to contribute toward the completion of your pledge.

Mahalo!

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Elaine Kahala, Sandra Gose, Linda Ward, Jean & James Tanoue, Kathy & Joe Ball, Willie & Bernard Rash, Florida Badua, Bienvinedo Roter, Thomas Taum, Xander Ray, Sharon Scott, Ron & Patricia Li, Brenda Upchurch, Laura Ann Peeters, Barbara Ursal, Nicholas Padron, Alexander Bonilla, Elaine Utu, Kristen "Kiddy" DeCoster & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Paul Drury, Angela DeCosta, Eleanor R. Saguibo, Huguette L. Monette, Priscilla F. Fisher, Mario Pichon, Lorna Tulang, Louise Iopa, Reginald B. Peeters, Alejandro Gasmen, Rafael Mauleon, Elizabeth Burns, Priscilla R. Meek, Maricon Wood, Ben Guerrero, Don Motz, Healani Akana, Bernabe & Bernard Gonzalez, Tutu Jean McGarry, Linda Armant, Channing Fukuda, Jonathan N. Guerrero, Negris Indasio, Sueko Santos & Joel Asato.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 2 in observance of “Good Friday” and Monday, April 5, in observance of “Easter Monday.”

Remember a love one at Easter. Easter Flower Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also donate through online giving by visiting our parish website.

Vaccine Appointment Assistance— Do you need help to schedule your vaccine appointment? We have volunteers to assist you by phone or face to face. It's private and confidential. Please call the rectory office at (808) 623-3332.

Confessions are held every Saturday from 4:00—4:30 pm and by appointment.

Effective April 5, church candles will be available for sale before Mass and at the Rectory during office hours: Monday, 12pm-4pm and Tuesday-Friday, 9am -4pm.

Volunteers are in need to help sanitize after Mass. If you are able to help, please meet in front of the Chapel after Mass. ***Mahalo!***

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, April 27 from 10 am - 12 noon** in front of the One Community Center.



HAPPY EASTER! We prayed, fasted and gave alms— and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.** Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and donate online crsricebowl.org/give.

Mahalo!

The Hui O Laulima Ministry, which serves those in need in Molokai, is in need of nonperishable food items: SPAM, Corned Beef, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Pancake Mix, Cocoa/Coffee, Jellies and Ketchup/Shoyu/Mustard, etc. Please drop off your donation in the food trolley located inside the church or the rectory during office hours. Thank you for your continued support.



Miles Christi Catholic Women's Bible Study Group will be meeting by Zoom video conferencing on Saturdays, 9 am to 10:30 am. Catholic women who would like to join us, please contact Barbara at (808) 671-4750 or (808) 777-8604.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense, and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family.

Please remember St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church in planning your will.